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Inventor: Ruff, Kenneth J.  
Our Ref: 714466.2

Dear Vernon:

In the matter of the above-identified pending patent application, we have now prepared and filed an amendment in response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 8, 2003. Enclosed is a copy of Amendment A as filed for your files.

We will advise you when we have received a further Office Action in this matter. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed amendment, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the amendments and remarks as set forth herein.

**No amendments to the Specification.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**No amendments to the Drawings.**

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.